

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as indicated below.

1 1. (Currently amended) A method for managing materialized views, the method comprising
2 the steps of:
3 a database management system receiving a request to generate a materialized view that
4 contains objects of an object class;
5 in response to receiving said request, said database management system creating said
6 materialized view; and
7 said database management system performing operations on said objects as instances of
8 said object class.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of creating said
2 materialized view includes the step of creating an object materialized view,
3 wherein said object materialized view is associated with an object class and
4 contains instances of said object class that correspond to rows of said object
5 materialized view.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of creating said materialized view
2 includes creating an object-relational view that includes at least one object column.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further includes the step of
2 receiving another request from a user requesting performance of said operations on said
3 objects as instances of said object class.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of said database management system
2 performing operations includes performing an operation on said objects by invoking a
3 routine associated with said object class.

- 1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of said database management
2 system generating refresh code that refreshes said materialized view.
- 1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of generating refresh code
2 that may be executed to fully refresh said materialized view.
- 1 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of generating refresh code
2 that refreshes said materialized view based on modifications to one or more base tables of
3 said materialized views.
- 1 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein:
2 said materialized view includes an object column associated with said object class,
3 the object class is associated with attributes;
4 the step of creating said materialized view includes creating a container table that
5 includes corresponding columns that correspond to said attributes and that hold
6 values for said attributes; and
7 the step of generating refresh code includes the step of generating refresh code that
8 references said corresponding columns but not as said attributes of said object
9 class.
- 1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said materialized view includes an object
2 column that has a plurality of nested tables that contain nested table objects.
- 1 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of creating said materialized view
2 includes the steps of:
3 creating a container table for said materialized view; and
4 creating another table that holds attributes of nested table objects of said plurality of
5 nested tables.

1 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 said materialized view is associated with one or more base tables;
3 a base table of said one or more base tables includes a base column typed as an object
4 reference; and
5 wherein the step of creating said materialized view includes creating a particular column
6 that:
7 corresponds to said base column, and
8 is typed as an object reference.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein:
2 a first scope of said base column is a first set of tables; and
3 the particular column has a second scope that is different than said first scope.

1 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the second scope is another materialized
2 view based on said first set of tables.